

CONTACT LIST-BASED GROUP CALL

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is a network (110) and method for conducting a group call among communication devices (102, 104, 106, 108) based on presence information of the communication devices. The presence information (FIGs. 2 and 3) is displayed (410) at a particular communication device (106) that has access to a contact list (126), which identifies members of the group call. The presence information includes a presence status for each of the members of the group call. Next, the network detects (430) an activation of the group call at the particular communication device. In response to detecting the activation, the network establishes (440) the group call among the communication devices based on the contact list of the particular communication device. To establish the group call, a communication link is established with each of the members of the group call.